



MEETING MINUTES

Law Enforcement Transparency & Accountability Commission

Monday, April 4, 2022, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

City Hall, Pikes Peak Conference Room (2nd Floor) 107 N. Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs, 80903

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Members of the public may attend in person or virtually

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with the following Commission members present:

Joe Aldaz, Rachael Flick, Janice Frazier, Steve Kern, Terry Martinez, Dr. Luis Velez, Deb Walker,

Absent: Felica Embry, Brent Windebank

2. Approval of March 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Flick motioned for the approval of the meeting minutes from March 7, 2022.

Commissioner Aldaz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion with Interim CSPD Chief Vasquez: undercover policies; officer accountability; update on use of force study

Acting Chief Adrian Vasquez, Deputy Chief Pat Rigdon, Deputy Chief Jeff Jensen, Commander Mike Velasquez, Lieutenant Doug Trainer, and Amanda Terrell-Orr addressed and answered the following questions posed by the Commission from the March 7th meeting:

1. What are the public-facing, departmental policies and regulations regarding undercover / organizational infiltration / intelligence-gathering functions of CSPD?
2. What are the criteria that are used to authorize such activities?
3. Reasonable suspicion and probable cause are two standards that we are familiar with that govern police/civilian interactions in various contexts. To what extent do either of those concepts apply with regard to undercover, etc., work?

4. What, if any, checks-and-balances exist for ensuring that undercover activities do not violate the civil and legal rights of residents?
5. What assurances do residents/citizens have that undercover, etc., activities are designed and executed without bias or political influence? In other words, if members of left-leaning advocacy groups are potentially or actually subject to undercover operations, are members of right-leaning groups similarly subject?

4. Annual Ethics Training from City Attorney's Office

Deputy City Attorney Tracy Lessig provided the Commissioners their annual ethics training

5. Sub-Committee Check-In

Updates were shared from the Public Outreach and Research subcommittees.

6. Administrative/Correspondence Updates

Commissioners determined to hold a regular meeting on April 18th.

Michael Montgomery updated the Commission on the application process for new Commission members and stated interviews would occur on April 6th with an appointment date of April 26th.

7. Commissioner Requests for Information

None

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.